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SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: US STATEMENT MADE AT PLENARY,
MEETING, JUNE 23, 1978

CTB MESSAGE NO.247

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED AT PLENARY
MEETING, JUNE 23, BY ACTING HEAD OF DELEGATION GERALD
JOHNSON:

BEGIN TEXT: WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO THE SOVIET AND UK
DELEGATIONS FOR AGREEING TO DEVOTE THIS PLENARY SESSION
TO A PRESENTATION OF THE DESIGN DATA ON THE PROTOTYPE
NATIONAL SEISMIC STATION NOW BEING ASSEMBLED AT SANDIA
LABORATORY IN NEW MEXICO. IN A FEW MOMENTS I WILL ASK
MR. PAUL STOKES, WHO IS THE MANAGER OF OUR NSS PROGRAM,
TO PRESENT WHAT I MIGHT DESCRIBE AS AN EXECUTIVE BRIEFING.
THIS WILL BE A SOMEWHAT STREAMLINED PRESENTATION THAT WILL
GIVE AN OVERALL VIEW WITHOUT, HOWEVER, GOING INTO DETAILS
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THAT ARE PRIMARILY OF INTEREST TO THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS
IN OUR DELEGATIONS. THEN I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN THE
POST-PLENARY SESSION OF DELEGATION LEADERS WE CONSIDER
WHAT FURTHER SCHEDULING MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE SO THAT THE
EXPERTS MAY PURSUE THESE MATTERS IN GREATER DETAIL.
MR. STOKES WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH NEXT WEEK AND WILL
BE PREPARED TO GO INTO WHATEVER LEVEL OF DETAIL YOU MAY

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FIND HELPFUL.

I DO NOT INTEND NOW TO RESTATE THE US PROPOSAL REGARDING NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL WAS FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE PAPER WE SUBMITTED TO THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON MAY 8 AND WAS SET FORTH IN SUMMARY FORM BY AMBASSADOR WARNKE IN THE PLENARY MEETING OF MAY 17. AT THE SAME MEETING CHAIRMAN PETROSYANTS TOLD US THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS NOT YET PREPARED TO STATE ITS REACTION TO US PROPOSALS ON SEISMIC STATIONS, BECAUSE IT HAD NOT RECEIVED SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE EXPLANATIONS OF MANY ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSALS. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT THE US DELEGATION WOULD SUBMIT FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN ADDITION, AT A MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE TOLD US MORE SPECIFICALLY THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COMPLETE TECHNICAL AND DESIGN DOCUMENTATION OF THE SEISMIC STATION BEING DEVELOPED BY THE US BEFORE ENTERING INTO A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF THE US PROPOSAL.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IMPRESSED US AS SERIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST, THEREFORE, WE WERE PLEASED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING MR. STOKES HERE. I BELIEVE THAT HIS PRESENTATION, AND THE DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED, WILL PROVIDE THE DESIRED INFORMATION.
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WHEN, IN ADDITION, WE SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON THE NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS OF NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS, AS WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DO IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WE WILL THEN HAVE SUPPLIED ALL THE INFORMATION WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE NEEDED FOR OPENING SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

I HAVE A FEW GENERAL COMMENTS ON MR. STOKES' MATERIAL. IN THE FIRST PLACE I WOULD STRESS THAT THE STATION HE IS WORKING ON DOES NOT INVOLVE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW BASIC TECHNOLOGY. THE PROBLEMS HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE DEALING WITH ARE ENGINEERING PROBLEMS -- THE INTEGRATION OF EXISTING COMPONENTS INTO A HIGHLY RELIABLE SYSTEM WITH APPROPRIATE OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS. THE PRIMARY SEISMIC SENSORS, WHICH ARE THE CORE OF THE SYSTEM, ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE IN THE SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES THAT EXIST AROUND THE WORLD TODAY, AND THE DYNAMIC RANGE OF THE PROTOTYPE WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT OF THE SEISMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES. WE HOPE YOU WILL AGREE WITH US THAT THE EQUIPMENT WE SPECIFY UNDER THE SEPARATE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT SHOULD NOT BE INFERIOR TO THE SROS THAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE USING IN THE SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

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SECONDLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BEAR IN MIND THAT THE DOCUMENTS MR. STOKES WILL SHARE WITH YOU ARE ACTUAL WORKING MATERIALS NOW BEING USED BY THE ENGINEERS AT SANDIA. THESE DOCUMENTS COVER ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROTOTYPE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AUTHENTICATOR, WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY IN THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP; AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE DESIGN OF ONE ABOVE-GROUND COMPONENT, A BUBBLE MEMORY UNIT, IS ALSO MISSING FROM THE PACKAGE

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BECAUSE THE DRAWING WAS NOT AVAILABLE IN TIME. THE PACKAGE OF MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO YOU REPRESENTS A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE PROTOTYPE NSS AT THIS TIME. IN THIS CONNECTION, AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY DESIGN CHANGES OUR NEGOTIATING PARTNERS MAY SUGGEST. WE EXPECT TO INSTALL THE PROTOTYPE AND BEGIN TESTING IT BY NEXT OCTOBER, AND WE BELIEVE PRODUCTION MODELS CAN BE AVAILABLE FOR INSTALLATION IN AMPLE TIME FOR THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CTB TREATY.

AFTER YOUR EXPERTS HAVE STUDIED OUR DRAWINGS, I THINK YOU WILL FIND THAT THE NEXT STEP IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE DESIGN DATA FULLY WILL BE TO VISIT OUR LABORATORY IN NEW MEXICO AND TALK DIRECTLY WITH THE ENGINEERS WHO PREPARED THE DRAWINGS FOR THEIR OWN USE. AS YOU KNOW, YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO MAKE THAT TRIP WHENEVER WE ALL FEEL THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.

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WE, OF COURSE, HOPE THAT MR. STOKES' PARTICIPATION IN
OUR WORK TODAY AND OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS WILL
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FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS. BUT I WOULD GO A STEP FURTHER.
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENTATION TODAY AND THE FOLLOW-
UP DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK CAN MARK THE BEGINNING OF ACTIVE
COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES IN THE APPLICATION OF THE
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY EXEMPLIFIED IN OUR PROTOTYPE SEISMIC
STATION. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH COOPERATION WOULD BE
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECT CONTRIBU-
TION OF THE NATIONAL SEISMIC STATIONS TO CTB VERIFICATION,
WE BELIEVE OUR ACTIVE COOPERATION IN THE INSTALLATION AND
OPERATION OF THESE STATIONS, WOULD, IN ITSELF, MAKE A
HIGHLY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR RELATIONSHIP. END TEXT.
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